

4 Aug 1970

Fall - Warm - Autumn leaves out in Provo Canyon

Dr Green driving home from Provo & suddenly he was overwhelmed that "We are losing our Heber Creeper"

Recent news articles indicated the rails would be torn out for a new big 60-mile per hour highway up thru Provo Canyon.

It had long been a dream of Dr Green's that skiers from Provo, BYU & environs could come up thru Provo Canyon on a ski train much as he had experienced on a small narrow-gauge Railway into Oberamgau in southern Germany years before while he was on a mission for his Church (1937-1940)

More thots of tying Sundance to the line by buses, & Tying Keetley to Heber by a new line & on to Echo, Ogden & Provo - a complete circle to the population centers of SL, Provo, & Ogden became part of his vision

As he arrived in Heber he pulled up in front of Leon Ritchie's Wasatch Motel & told him that we must not lose that Railroad.



13 Aug 1970 Thurs.

Noon at Wagon Wheel Cafe

Project: Chamber Commerce Directors  
Meeting and Dr. Green invited to Attend  
and present his ideas on Heber Creeper.

Present: Leon Ritchie - President Wasatch C.C.

Lowe Ashton

Byron Cheever

Harold H. Smith

Howard Eggelston

Pres. J. H. Call - Pres Wasatch State.

Gordon Mendenhall

Discussion:

Dr. Green came prepared with <sup>Arial</sup> maps from  
Fed. Soil Conservation office. He projected  
the idea of a Mountain Scenic Railroad,  
tying into the Park (Wasatch Mt. State Park)  
a trunk line into Keetley & on down to  
Echo & Weber Canyons into Ogden &  
Therefore tying Provo to Heber to  
Park City to Ogden & back to Provo  
as a loop.

His contention was that if we as  
Chamber of Commerce let the Railroad  
be torn out without a fight, we have  
missed a golden opportunity to gain  
a tourist Attraction that few places offer.

He also stated the urgency is pressing  
because bids are to be opened and let to  
tear out all Provo Canyon Trackage.  
over



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Dr. Green tried to reach Robert Redford to let him know of the effort

Dr. G. called 2x & could not reach Mr. Redford. He left word to Redford's secretary to have him call

Robert Redford's Sundance

Tel. 374-8444  
or Tel. 373-0184

Ed. Jones: 654-0459 - Midway Utah

Stan Collins: 1-2 PM 373-0234  
2-3 PM 374-8444 Provo, Utah

Ralph Winterton in Robert's Father in law:  
783-4875.

Lynn Winterton: is co-producer to Robert R.

Noon to d



31 Aug 1970

Noon - Wagon Wheel cafe

Purpose: Meet w Chamber of Commerce  
on Provo Canyon Project & Railroad.



5 Sep 1970 Saturday

10 AM Wasatch Co. Commission Conference Room

Project: Meeting of "Save Heber Creeper Committee" and the "Wasatch Railway Museum Foundation"

Purpose: To find a common purpose in saving the Heber Creeper.

Discussion:

Ed. M. McLaughlin & J. Rodney Edwards, & "Chick" Nielsen were spokesmen for the Railway Museum. Lowe Ashton was spokesman for our "Save Heber Creeper Committee."

Many things discussed about inventory, costs of getting material & Engines & cars into our Valley, costs of track repair, (\$500<sup>00</sup>).

Some one brought up a figure of \$600,000 total cost to save the "Heber Creeper."

Talk of Possible Loan Agencies for historic Restoration included:

1. Small Business Agency - SBA
2. Four Corners Industrial Development.
3. EDA ( ) 502 Loans SBA

Presentation of idea of developing a Museum here - Railway Station & travel down Canyon to Provo bring skiers, sightseers up to Heber, tie into the Swiss Village & ski lifts etc.



The whole project would require  
Good publicity, Signs on highways, Good  
large Volume (i.e. Ward Reunions)  
Picnic areas, Benches, Parking, Gift  
Shops, etc.

Idea's of tying 3 population centers  
to Heber City was brot up. This would  
be done by running a spur to Keetley  
to go to Park City, Coalville, Echo,  
Ogden, to Salt Lake, to Provo, to  
~~Salt Lake~~ Provo Canyon, Sundance,  
to Midway & Swiss Village, to Heber.



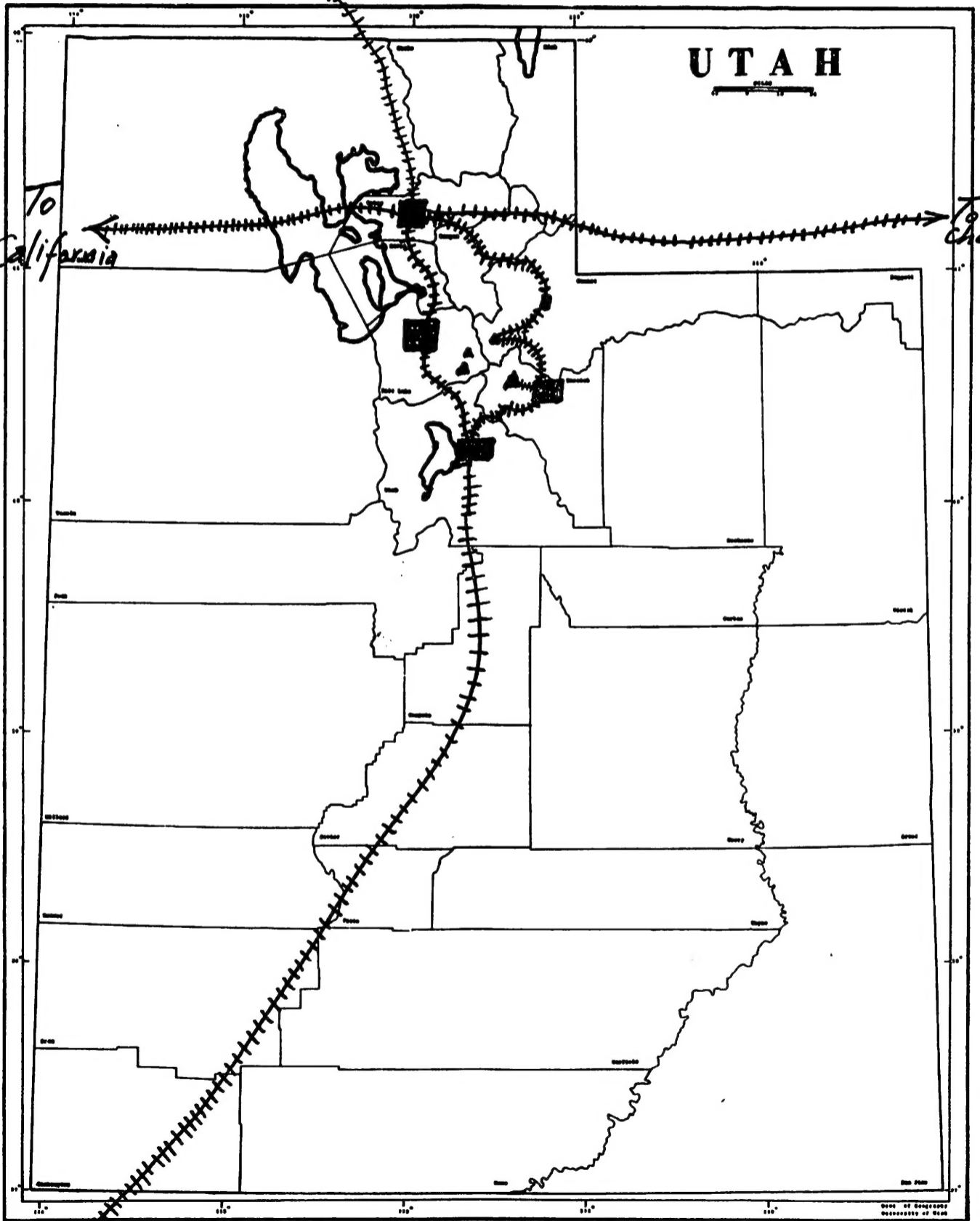
To Northwest

UTAH

To California

To Cheyenne

To Calif.





8 Sep 1970  
Depot Noon

What: Several people took "train ride"  
down the tracks

Present:

Jan Padfield, Ed. M. McLaughlin, J. Rod. Edwards,  
Chals H. Nielson, Leon Ritchie, Dr. RR Green,  
Byron Cheever, Russell Wall, Lowe Ashton.

Train Ran to the sand slide & back

Purpose: to get public to know about our  
project.

